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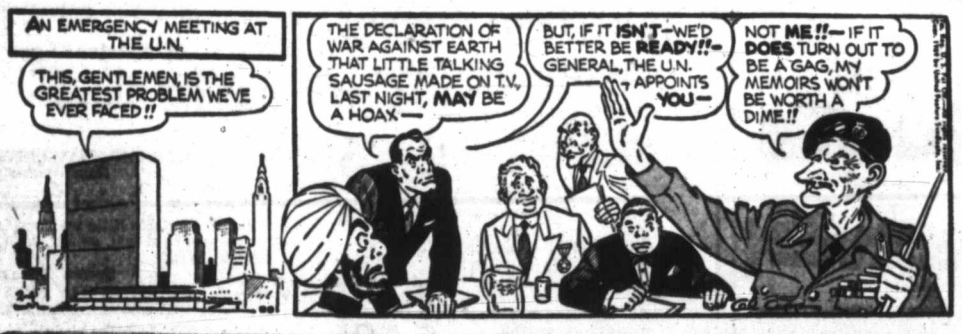


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## Garden Notes

# Presto—a Bouquet!

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

Yesterday, we started on our annual tour through the pages of the new seed catalogues, noting some of the latest developments from the plant breeder's test plots. Here are a few more likely-looking newcomers:

News comes from Copenhagen of a new annual aster called Ambria. It grows a little taller than the well-known Lilliput type, and with much larger flowers, but with an entirely different habit of growth. Aster Ambria branches out from the bottom, each branch turning sharply upward like a tiny Lombardy poplar, and covering itself with bloom. According to the raiser, you pull up the whole plant, stick it in a vase, and you have a bouquet!

As yet aster Ambria is available in only two colors—a cream-yellow, and a salmon pink. Both are highly resistant to the aster wilt disease.

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I have written several times about the glorious Russell lupins, bred originally by an old Yorkshire jobbing gardener. While these are true perennials, they are easily raised from seed, although the seed-raised plants could never be guaranteed to come true to name and had the habit, after a couple of generations, of reverting to a rather dirty purple shade.

Now a German breeder has got into the act and has developed a superior strain which turn out almost 100 per cent true to color when grown from seed. These have such names as Mein Schloss, tile red; Fraulein, pale cream; Schlossfrau, deep rose with white margins, and Edelknaben, a luminous crimson with especially large florets.

Mr. Simonette of Edmonton has a very special place in horticulture's hall of fame, for he is the man who broke the Japanese monopoly on seeds of the double petunia, and most of the glorious frilly double petunias which grace our hanging baskets and window boxes have come from his crossings.

Now he has done it again, by crossing a rutabaga with one of the little white summer turnips and producing a new turnip-like vegetable called Altasweet. It is far sweeter, more tender and less woody than the ordinary swede or turnips, yields very heavily, and stores well for winter use. One local gardener who has been doing some test growing for Mr. Simonette tells me that he will never again grow turnips as long as Altasweet is available.

Japan may have lost out on double petunias, but the Japanese breeders have come right back with a new hybrid Brussels sprout called Jade Green. This is a first-generation hybrid, and as such, has all the vigor and strong, oversize growth of the F-1 plants. It produces earlier, about 87 days from seed, and bears a terrific crop of small, firm, blue-green sprouts with a particularly delicate flavor.

Seeds are available from some U.S. and Canadian seedsmen, but are horribly expensive—fewer than 100 seeds in a 50-cent packet.

## Names in the News

# Europe-Africa to Rule World?

JOHANNESBURG — Sir **Oswald Mosley**, Britain's pre-war fascist leader, left South Africa for Germany after a quick visit.

He said he thinks the African continent should have a "broad white backbone from Algeria to the Cape with blacks on both sides."

Under his plan the whole of Europe would be under one ruler and the African "backbone" would be connected to this huge state.

Eventually, Europe and its African backbone would rule the world, with Russia and the United States as minor powers.

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MILAN, Italy—The state has demanded fines of $100 for the writer **Beniamino Fabbro** and editor **Gaetano Baldacci** for an article which described **Maria Callas** as "a mediocre singer and a melodramatic scene-stealer."

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MOSCOW—Demoted Deputy Premier **Mikhail Pervukhin** has confessed before the 21st congress of the Soviet Communist party that he had sided with the **Bulganin-Malenkov** anti-party group. "To my bitter regret I must state that at a time fraught with responsibility for the party, I was unable to discern the anti-party plans of that group."

Deputy Premier **Josef Kuzmin** immediately criticized Pervukhin's confession. "Pervukhin has said nothing about his (own) anti-party activities. He apparently reckons that his activities in the anti-party group and his failure to do anything to unmast that group would go unnoticed."

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NEW YORK—**Vincent Astor**, 67, multi-millionaire head of the Astor family since his father went down with the Titanic in 1912, died unexpectedly of a heart attack yesterday. His $100,000,000 fortune reportedly was left to his foundation to "alleviate human misery."

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ROME — Italy's **President Gronchi** yesterday refused to accept the resignation of **Premier Fanfani** because his centre-left coalition had not been brought down by a no-confidence vote in parliament. Gronchi ordered Fanfani to seek a vote of confidence.

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LONDON — A film on the life and work of **Paul Robeson** is being made in the Soviet Union.

"We wish to tell as much as possible of the life and work of Robeson, the unbending peace champion," says producer **V. Katanyan.**

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MARIA CALLAS
. . . words costly

MIKHAIL PERVUKHIN
. . . unable to discern

MONTREAL—**Eugene Forsey**, research director of the Canadian Labor Congress, says the CLC has no intention of going into politics directly or becoming a political party. Its part of the proposed party to replace the CCF would be "to give the movement a push."

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OTTAWA—**Justice Minister Fulton** told the Commons Tuesday the McRuer royal commission report on criminal and sexual psychopaths will be tabled shortly.

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LONDON—The Small World balloon crew has financial backing for a second attempt to cross the Atlantic. "I think I can say we shall have a bash," said **Arnold Eiloart** leader of the first expedition.

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HAMILTON—**Jack Hovianseian**, 29, who escaped from Kingston penitentiary and tried to change his appearance by plastic surgery on his nose went back to prison Tuesday for an extra three years.

TORONTO—**Health Minister Monteith** says the national hospital insurance plan could "flounder" if Canadians demand hospital care unnecessarily, but will operate smoothly and economically if insurance privileges are used only when needed.

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HAVANA—First woman to be sentenced by a Cuban war crimes tribunal drew a 10-year prison term Tuesday. **Mrs. Orlina Fernandez** was convicted of acting as an informer for **Fulgencia Batista's** forces.

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OTTAWA—**James (Red) McDermott**, 17, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and companion **James Post**, 15, was sentenced to seven years for the steak knife slaying of **Robert O'Leary**, 20, in a Nov. 23 gang fight.

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MONTREAL—A nine-pound boy was born yesterday to **Mrs. Maurice Richard**, wife of the hockey star. It was their sixth child.

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CALGARY — **Dr. Gordon Shrum** of UBC has urged educators to take the three Rs out of high school and university and put them back in public school where they belong.

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LONDON—**Lord Altringham** has dismissed Prime Minister **Harold Macmillan** as a "shop-soiled British politician."

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LONDON — A Buckingham Palace spokesman said it's unlikely **Queen Elizabeth** and **Prince Philip** will accept an invitation to visit Detroit during their Canadian tour this summer. Chicago is only U.S. stop now on itinerary.

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CALCUTTA—Prince Philip Tuesday wound up his 14-day tour of India with a visit to the steel and industrial heart of the country at Durgapur. He leaves Wednesday for a two-week tour of Pakistan.

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DRUMNADROCHIT, Scotland—The Loch Ness monster has reared its "chalky white" head. At least motor club patrolman **Jimmy McIntosh** swears it did. "The wee monster was cruising midway between mid-stream and the shore. It was about 12 feet long, brown in color and had a chalky white head," he said.

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NORTH VANCOUVER — **Betty Hayden**, 11, missing for several hours Monday night, turned up safe in Vancouver. She said she had fallen asleep on her way home from school in a bus, and when she awoke she couldn't find her way home.

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CATANZARO, Italy—Farmhand **Domenico Sano**, 24, changed his mind on the eve of his scheduled wedding, kidnapped his fiance's 15-year-old sister and ran off with her.

## Winning Contract

Vul: E-W

NORTH
♠ A J 10 9 6
♡ A 10 5
◊ A K 6
♣ 7 4

WEST
♠ 4 3
♡ Q 8 3
◊ 8 7 2
♣ K Q J 8 2

EAST
♠ 2
♡ J 7 6 2
◊ 9 5 4 3
♣ 10 9 6 5

SOUTH (D)
♠ K Q 8 7 5
♡ K 9 4
◊ Q J 10
♣ A 3

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ◊ | Pass |
| 4 ◊ | Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass |
| 5 ♣ | Pass | 5 ♡ | Pass |
| 6 ♠ | All Pass | | |

Opening lead: ♣ K

North's hand was too big for a double raise in spades, so the jump-shift in diamonds was justified. With ample values for the small slam, only the unfortunate duplication in distribution made the fulfilment of the contract doubtful.

It appeared that, unless the queen-jack of hearts were doubleton, or either opponent had a single honor, declarer would be set. However, South found the solution.

He won the club ace, drew two rounds of trumps and three rounds of diamonds. He then returned a club, and East-West were helpless as long as declarer guessed correctly. Whoever won the trick would be forced to lead a club or diamond for a sluff-ruff, or lead a heart. In the latter case, South could play for the heart honors to be divided.

West won the club trick and led the heart three. Dummy played low, East the jack, and South won the king. A heart was led back, and North's ten-spot finessed. The rest was plain sailing.

If West had led the heart queen, dummy would have won the ace, and South would subsequently finesse his nine-spot. The latter play, however, might have misled South into thinking that West had started with queen-jack, thus giving declarer a chance to go wrong.

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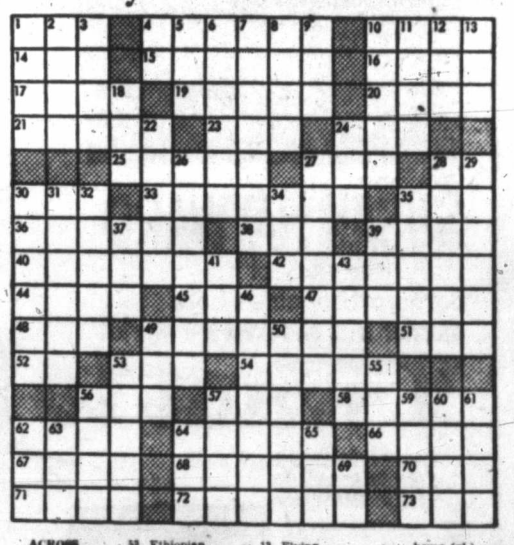
### League Tourney Winners

Winners of the weekly tournament of the Victoria unit, American Contract Bridge League: 1. Les Stewart and Sam Duprau, 2. Freda Small and Laura Tingley, 3. Ethel Cleweth and Dorothy McConnell, 4. Madge Meacham and Ann Kocutyn.

## The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle . . .



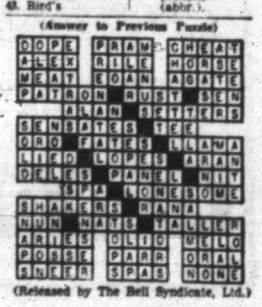
ACROSS

1. Wheel tooth.
4. Man's name.
10. Part of fishhook.
14. Tierra del Fuego Indian.
15. To harden.
16. Tune.
17. ..... Negri, former film star.
19. President Confederate States.
20. Tidy.
21. Scuff.
23. Obtain.
24. Abstract being.
26. Kind of sword.
27. Race of lettuce.
28. New Zealand native fort.
30. The self.
33. Mongols.
35. Kind of tree.
36. Seller.
38. Bring legal action against.
39. Hook money.
40. Treats with contemptuous rudeness.
42. South Sea islander (pl.).
44. Require.
45. Elongated fish.
47. Cylindrical.
48. Feline.
49. Folds.
51. Japanese coin.
52. French for "and."
53. Ethiopian title.
54. Part of ship (pl.).
56. Transfix.
57. Swordsman's dummy stake.
58. Cook in certain way.
62. Design.
64. Japanese aborigines.
66. South Seas canoe.
67. Ventilates.
68. Boats.
70. Emmet.
71. To cut, after snick.
72. Items of property.
73. French plural article.

DOWN

1. Policeman (slang).
2. Russian River.
3. Strong wind.
4. State (abbr.).
5. Finish.
6. Wind ass.
7. Returns to a former practice.
8. Manner of stepping.
9. Raised transportation lines.
10. Notice of an intended marriage.
11. God of war.
12. Narrow inlet.
13. Flying mammal.
18. Roman bronze.
22. Badger-like mammal.
24. Dawn goddess.
26. Trades.
27. Originates.
28. Corsair.
29. Has ascended.
30. Manifest.
31. Anglo-Saxon vessel.
32. Attack.
34. Bird.
35. Counterfiets.
37. Unexploded shell.
39. Malay gibbon.
41. Observe.
43. Bird's home (pl.).
46. Deplores.
49. Metal container.
50. Greet.
53. Wash in clear water.
55. Juice of plant.
56. Peel.
57. Kind of pastry (pl.).
59. Russian river.
60. Sound quality.
61. Consumes.
63. Lance step.
63. The linden.
64. Man's name.
65. Drunkard.
69. Baseball position (abbr.).

(Answer to Previous Puzzle)



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